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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 473
By Williams (Wil)

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mitchell Porter "Mike"
Stiles, Sr.

WHEREAS, it was with immense sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Mitchell Porter "Mike" Stiles; and

WHEREAS, Mike Stiles was a distinguished citizen who was very dedicated to his family, profession and community; and

WHEREAS, born in Tampa, Florida on April 15, 1947, Mike Stiles was the son of the late Porter Stiles and Sally Bell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stiles graduated from Plant High School in Tampa, Florida and attended the University of West Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Mike Stiles married the former Mary Evelyn Badcock, and the couple's happy union produced two wonderful children; and

WHEREAS, he began his illustrious career with the W.S. Badcock Corporation in 1975 as a dealer advisor in the Dealer Relations Department; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable tenure at W.S. Badcock enabled Mike Stiles to excel in various capacities, including meritorious service as Director of the Public Relations Department, Vice President of Public Relations, Board of Directors of the W.S. Badcock Corporation and Executive Vice President of Public Relations; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Stiles was an active and vital part of numerous professional organizations, including the Board of Directors of First Union National Bank of Lakeland, Florida, Treasurer, Florida Retail Federation; Vice Chairman, Tennessee Council of Retail Merchants; the Lakeland Area Chamber of Commerce, Florida Chamber of Commerce, Associated Industries of Florida, Lakeland Economic Development Council, Alabama Retail Federation, Georgia Retail Federation, Mississippi Retail Federation, Florida Tax Watch, Merchants Political Action Committee, Alabama Civil Justice Reform, the North Carolina Merchants Association and the South Carolina Merchants Association; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands that were placed upon him, Mike Stiles always found time to serve his community; his diligent efforts on the Salvation Army Board, the Polk Community College Foundation Board and the American Heart Association Board were highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakeland, where he had formerly served as a distinguished member of the Vestry; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Mike Stiles leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by family, friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mike enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife, Mary Badcock Stiles; he was the proud parent of Mary Taliaferro Stiles and Mitchell Porter Stiles, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mike Stiles was also the cherished brother of Sally Powell, Theodore Bell III, Porter H. Stiles and Paula Stiles; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this remarkable gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of Mitchell Porter "Mike" Stiles,

remembering with admiration his exemplary character and his many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mike Stiles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.